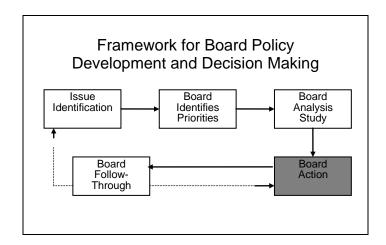
Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

January 14, 2010



Agenda Item: Race to the Top Application

Iowa Goal: All K-12 students will achieve at a high level.

Equity Impact

Statement: Each and every low student will have access to a

world class education.

Presenters: Judy Jeffrey, Director

Office of the Director

Kevin Fangman, Administrator Division of PK-12 Education

Attachments: None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve, in

concept, an application to be submitted to the U.S.

Department of Education.

Background: Iowa has an exciting and important opportunity to

develop and fund innovative efforts to improve education throughout our state. That is why lowa is leading an aggressive effort to apply for the highly competitive Race to the Top funds. This work may

lead to millions of dollars for lowa to support

improvements and innovations in education over the

next four years. The Race to the Top Fund will

distribute billions of dollars in competitive grants from the U.S. Department of Education to encourage and reward states that are creating the conditions for

education innovation and reform.